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Actors Seth Rogen, third right, and James Franco, top, and producer Evan Goldberg, right, pose for a photo during filming of The Interview at Robson Square in Vancouver in November 2013. The square has been transformed into a North Korea set complete with North Korean statues and soldiers.

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City film, TV industry thriving

'Real sense of optimism right now.' Despite fears that business would be lost to other locations, officials report a banner year to city council

By the numbers

$100M

DreamWorks alone has $100 million in work planned for Vancouver, says the Vancouver Economic Commission.

There's been a major plot twist in Vancouver's film and TV industry.

A year ago, the Save B.C. Film campaign lobbied the province for tax credits, due to fears the industry would be decimated by productions moving to other regions with better incentives.

They failed to get extra tax incentives, yet the cast of characters from the local industry is still celebrating a year of thriving business due to an increase in visual-effects work and a lower Canadian dollar, according to a presentation to Vancouver city council on Tuesday.

Indeed, the city estimates the industry had a $125-million direct economic impact on Vancouver last year — and that doesn't include post-production, animation or gaming work.

In 2013, the city held shoots for 30 TV series, including The Killing, 18 feature films including Fifty Shades of Grey, 107 commercials and 11 pilots. On top of that, local companies did visual effects for movies such as Maleficent and video games including FIFA 2014.

And business has already jumped 36 per cent in the first quarter of 2014, according to Sandi Swanigan, the city's senior manager of film and special events.

The city has worked to make it easier to get permits and helped scout for locations. For instance, this month it helped shut down Granville Street, which was filled with snow for a Jeep commercial.

Its efforts haven't gone unnoticed by the industry.

"We're the best place in North America, maybe in the world, to create feature film," said Peter Leitch of the Motion Picture Production Industry Association. "We just weathered a pretty big storm. ... I think there's a real sense of optimism right now."

While Vancouver can never compete with jurisdictions like Louisiana or Georgia on price, Leitch said B.C. offers a range of scenery, world-class crews, and a fantastic place to live, work and shoot. Besides, the dollar is "much friendlier" than it was a year ago, he said, making it more desirable for U.S. shoots to head north.

Challenges include changes to the temporary foreign worker program, the lack of affordable housing, and convincing the Interior that the film industry isn't just a boon for the Lower Mainland. Kamloops recently stood in for Egypt, Leitch said, and B.C. lumber is often used to build sets.

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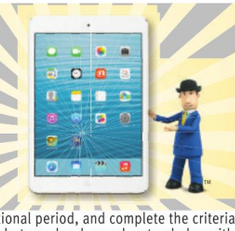

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Parents step up

Dispute leaves teachers absent from end-of-year celebrations

One mom is arranging the flowers, another created a program, a third produced a slide show pairing baby photographs with present-day snapshots.

Almost everything is in place for the graduating Grade 7 students to cap their year — but one core element will be absent.

The striking teachers of Henry Hudson Elementary School in Vancouver were instructed by their union not to attend the make-shift ceremony. Instead, someone will read out a statement of congratulations from the teachers on their behalf.

"Whether the union is right in telling them not to do this, I have a problem with it. … I guarantee you, there are a lot of upset kids," said parent Robert Ford, whose daughter will attend the off-site, parent-driven ceremony on Wednesday.

Along with the uncertainty around report cards, there is also confusion about next year's enrolment, while money generated by student fundraisers, in some cases, has been unilaterally held back for next year's students, Ford said.

"There are no winners right now," said Teresa Rezansoff, president of the B.C. School Trustees Association, noting both parties had already mutually agreed to mediation.

The provincial government is set to impose a full secondary school lockout for Wednesday and Thursday.

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Transportation Minister Todd Stone speaks to media in Vancouver on Tuesday. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Transit plan doesn't add up, minister says

Official response. Stone says region's mayors are counting on too much funding co-operation from both provincial and federal governments

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Metro Vancouver's grand $7.5-billion transit plan "doesn't add up," according to the province's transportation minister.

Todd Stone issued the government's official response Tuesday to the 10-year vision laid out by the region's mayors earlier this month.

"The funding assumptions don't add up and call into question whether or not the plan is realistic," Stone told media.

Stone went to great lengths to sugar-coat his verdict, insisting the mayors have come up with "a very good, comprehensive plan" for the region.

However, he said there's no way the provincial government would consider reallocating carbon tax revenues to fund its share of the plan. Stone also said the mayors have miscalculated how much federal funding the region would be able to obtain for infrastructure projects.

The plan calls for $1.5 billion in federal funding, but Stone says Ottawa has only allocated $1 billion over a decade for all of B.C. in its Building Canada fund.

There's no chance the Lower Mainland would receive 100 per cent of that money anyway.

"There are some pretty significant infrastructure needs in every corner of the province," Stone said. The minister suggested that the mayors should consider doubling the timeline of the plan to 20 years, implement a regional carbon tax, and possibly cut parts of the proposal to make it "affordable and realistic."

"If you're asking the federal government for $1.5 billion over a 20-year period, that would probably fit much better than asking $1.5 billion over 10," he said.

Stone met with Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation chair Richard Walton earlier in the day with the government's response. He also issued the mayors — who meet Thursday — a deadline of July 15 to set a referendum date on new funding options.

The mayors' proposed $7.5-billion, 10-year plan includes two light-rail transit lines in Surrey, a Broadway subway to Arbutus in Vancouver, a brand new Pattullo Bridge, 11 new B-Line bus routes and significant improvements to existing transit service.

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Damage control.
School leaks 250 students' private info

Staff at the Surrey School District are red in the face after a privacy breach that saw the private information of about 250 students sent in a mass email to parents.

Spokesman Doug Strachan said a staff member of one of the district's schools was attempting to send out a copy of a letter to parents from the superintendent about the teacher's strike and "inadvertently attached the wrong document."

"The document contained some private information of about 250 students," Strachan told Metro. "It was sent to almost all parents of that school only."

Within two minutes of sending it, the staff member sent another message to the same email distribution list asking that parents ignore and delete the earlier message and document, said Strachan.

"The staff member feels very badly about the error," he said.

Strachan would not comment on the type of information that was sent, except to say it did not involve medical or financial information.

Global BC is reporting the document contained academic grades and absentee records of students from Clayton Heights Secondary School.

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A 2012 file photo of a coyote with a squirrel in its mouth at Malkin Bowl in Stanley Park. CONTRIBUTED

Park visitors told not to feed coyotes

Stanley Park. The coyote has been spotted by hundreds of people during daylight hours near the Beach Avenue entrance

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A coyote spotted in Stanley Park in recent weeks has the park's ecology society warning people to stop feeding the animals.

"It is crucial that this coyote find its own food for its own health and safety and the safety of people and their pets," Dan Straker, urban wildlife programs co-ordinator for the Stanley Park Ecology Society, in a statement.

The comfortable coyote has been spotted by hundreds of park-goers during daylight hours near the Beach Avenue entrance to Stanley Park, according to the society, who have also received reports that a few people are illegally feeding it.

Although the coyote has not shown any aggression yet, the society is concerned it might become a risk if people continue to feed it.

"Coyotes are normally very timid animals," said Straker. "But when human food is involved they learn to be more comfortable around people and that can lead to conflicts."

Straker said there is no shortage of food for urban coyotes, who eat mostly small rodents but can also make use of other food sources like garbage, compost and even small dogs and cats.

Straker encouraged anyone who encounters a coyote to put their arms over their head and yell, "Go away, coyote!" to scare it away and alert other people that there is a coyote nearby.

Shouting at it will also help alter the animal's behaviour to spend less time near people, he said.

Seeking Arrangement.
Vancouver top travel spot for cheaters: Survey

Vancouver is a top travel destination for many tourists, but the city is apparently a paradise for cheaters.

A new survey by online dating website SeekingArrangement.com has ranked Vancouver as the No. 8 out of 10 top summer travel destinations for people looking to cheat on their spouses.

Paris, often referred to as the city of love, took the No. 1 spot in the list. Despite its reputation as a no fun city, Vancouver managed to beat out Vegas and Barcelona — which came in ninth and tenth place, respectively — as adulterers' favourite place to get frisky.

The survey, which polled 73,000 men and women currently involved in affairs, found that summer is a busy travel time for adulterers. According to the survey, two in three people involved in affairs go on vacations with their other lovers during the summer months. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

Revitalization plan.
North Vancouver to get waterfront art gallery

North Vancouver's SeaBus terminal is about to get a remarkable new neighbour.

An art gallery designed by a renowned local architect will be built on the waterfront at the foot of Lonsdale after the City of North Vancouver approved the proposal Monday night.

It will be the new space for the Presentation House Gallery, which features photography and media arts. B.C. firm Patkau Architects will design the building which, when it opens in 2017, will be the only waterfront museum in Greater Vancouver.

The gallery is expected to cost $15 million. The city plans to contribute $2.5 million.

It's part of the city's ambitious plan to revitalize the waterfront neighbourhood — it eventually wants to build a Ferris wheel, too.

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LGBTQ rights. City will pay to send councillor to World Pride in Toronto

The City of Vancouver will foot the bill to send Coun. Tim Stevenson to World Pride in Toronto to talk about his trip promoting LGBTQ rights at the Sochi Olympics.

Originally, the city was going to use funds from developers, including Bob Rennie and Peter Wall, to pay for the $883 plane ticket. The cash was left over from donations for the mission to Sochi. But NPA Coun. Elizabeth Ball put forward a motion requesting the city pay, saying it would be more "appropriate." Her motion passed unanimously Tuesday.

"I know that all of this council is particularly interested in human rights," Ball said. "I do think that this is tremendously important that Coun. Stevenson, as well as every other councillor, be able to bring forward the city's full support of LGBTQ rights."

Coun. Tim Stevenson
EMILY JACKSON/METRO FILE

Stevenson will speak on a panel discussion in Toronto on Wednesday. During his trip to Sochi, he had a meeting with International Olympic Committee officials to discuss changing the Olympic Charter to enshrine the rights of the LGBTQ community. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Report. More must be done in B.C. to protect kids against addicted parents

Children's advocate Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond says British Columbia's government must do more to protect children from their drug-addicted and alcoholic parents.

At the heart of her report released today is the tragic case of a 10-year-old boy who suffered serious head and spinal injuries in a car crash where both the boy's mother and her boyfriend had been drinking.

Turpel-Lafond's report says B.C.'s ministry of children and family development must ensure the best interests of the child are always the focus of care plans.

She says the ministry had received five child protection reports about the boy over nine years, but did not take adequate steps to ensure his safety until after he suffered critical injuries.

The report says the mother has a long history of addiction, including using cocaine, amphetamines and opiates, but most of the ministry's workers who dealt with the family did not have formal training on how to work with families with addictions. The report says the boy needed surgery to have his skull reconnected to his spine. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Marijuana grows in a Lower Mainland medical marijuana grow-op. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

No farm tax breaks for medical pot growers

'Different than growing mushrooms.' Province announces marijuana producers in B.C. won't get the same benefits as farmers

Medical marijuana producers setting up shop in British Columbia won't be able to claim a lucrative property tax break designed for farms and other agricultural operations, the provincial government said Tuesday.

Mayors in B.C. have been warning for months that commercial grow-ops could get out of paying nearly 90 per cent of their property taxes if they're lumped together with farms, even if they're operating on expensive industrial land.

The province's agriculture minister, Norm Letnick, said medical marijuana facilities are complex industrial operations — and that's how they'll be taxed.

"Local governments are concerned ... that there might be some extra costs associated with these facilities," Letnick said in an interview.

"We're talking about a federally regulated narcotic, so it's different than growing mushrooms or cherries or tomatoes in a greenhouse."

The debate over how to tax medical marijuana operations is happening as governments across the country figure out how to deal with an expected influx of such facilities.

New federal rules took effect in April that shift marijuana production to licensed commercial producers, rather than patients, who were previously allowed to grow their own. An ongoing court case has meant that some patients are still growing at home, but the commercial system has proceeded.

Health Canada has approved 13 producers, including five in B.C., though many more are expected to join them. There is no cap on the number of commercial growers and Health Canada is currently reviewing hundreds of applications.

B.C.'s property tax rules set rates based on a list of factors, including how the land is being used. Agricultural rates are up to 87.5 per cent lower than other tax categories.

Some mayors were concerned that allowing medical marijuana operations in industrial areas to claim the farm credit would downgrade the value of land that is taxed at a much higher rate.

"(Tuesday's announcement) will allay the fears of a number of municipalities that could have seen a significant hit on the taxes they could collect on a valuable piece of property," said Maple Ridge Mayor Ernie Daykin.

At the same time, the province also confirmed marijuana production would be considered a "farm use" within the Agricultural Land Reserve, 4.7 million hectares of protected farmland located across the province. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Northern Gateway. MPs locked out of their offices by pipeline protesters

A group calling itself "Settlers on Stolen Land" padlocked the doors on the constituency offices of two B.C. Conservative MPs to protest the federal government's approval of the Northern Gateway pipeline.

Notices posted at the entries to the offices of Andrew Saxton in North Vancouver and James Moore in Port Moody blame them for allowing the project.

The group says the decision fails to respect the sovereignty of indigenous communities.

Heavy chains were wrapped around the door handles and the federal politicians were told to vacate their offices.

There was no answer at Saxton's office mid-morning. Staff did answer the telephone at Moore's office but a spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Recovered property

Cops want to give back stolen goods

If you're missing a bike, guitar, laptop or iPad, you may want to call Vancouver Police.

Three cube vans' worth of suspected stolen property were recovered Friday after officers raided a home on Main Street near East 47th Avenue.

Ten men and women were taken into custody, according to police, with all but one released.

Andrew Roy Cross, 49, has been charged with possession of a restricted firearm, according to police, who said they will be recommending more charges.

Now police are hoping to return the suspected stolen goods to their rightful owners, and are asking the public to call 604-717-0505 if they believe their property is among the seized items. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

World War II vet hoping to get back stolen medals

Surrey. 96-year-old Jack Miles baffled by theft of items that he says only have value to him

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Jack Miles, 96, of Surrey wants his Second World War military medals back after they were stolen from his home on May 30. CONTRIBUTED

He has his watch and cufflinks back, but a Second World War veteran is still hoping to see his military medals returned after they were allegedly stolen from his Surrey home last month.

Mounties recovered some of 96-year-old Jack Miles' stolen items during a raid on another Surrey home on June 14, but he said his military service and honour medals are still nowhere to be found.

Coquitlam RCMP arrested 23-year-old Jaylene Hawkins of Surrey in connection with the theft of the Miles' watches and cufflinks, which officers found in the home among other stolen items such as documents, ID cards and mail.

Hawkins is facing charges of theft of mail, mischief, unauthorized use of credit card data, possession of stolen property and breach of a condition, according to police.

While he's happy to have some of his personal items returned, Miles said he still doesn't understand why anyone would take his medals, which are only valuable to him.

"I haven't the faintest idea," he told Metro. "The medals are not made out of gold."

The theft happened May 30 at Miles' home in the 14,200-block of 56th Avenue sometime between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., according to Surrey RCMP.

Miles said his World War II service and honour medals were taken, as well as a framed letter of appreciation from the War Ministry for his dedicated service, among other items.

Since the items were stolen, other war veterans have suggested Miles request replacement medals.

But Miles, who served as a pilot in the Royal Air Force from 1941 to 1946, said he's only interested in getting the originals back.

Mixed messages from MacKay

Mother's, Father's Day tributes. Women change diapers and pack lunches, while men shape 'leaders,' justice minister writes to members of his staff

Justice Minister Peter MacKay raised eyebrows in his department with two very different tributes to female and male employees for Mother's Day and Father's Day this year.

Emails obtained by The Canadian Press show that in May, MacKay saluted mothers in the department for holding down two full-time jobs — at home and at work.

"By the time many of you have arrived at the office in the morning, you've already changed diapers, packed lunches, run after school buses, dropped kids off at daycare, taken care of an aging loved one and maybe even thought about dinner," MacKay said of the moms in a staff-wide memo that went out to thousands of employees before Mother's Day.

The email didn't get much reaction internally until the Father's Day version arrived a month later.

It made no mention of any household duties, but said the men were "shaping the minds and futures of the next generation of leaders."

"... Needless to say, it can also be daunting to consider the immense and life-long influence we have over our children," MacKay wrote.

The Mother's Day message does not touch on the impact the women have on their children's futures.

MacKay's office did not respond to a request for an interview or to take questions by phone.

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Justice Minister Peter MacKay in the House of Commons June 18.
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A silent euthanasia protest

Anti-euthanasia demonstrators dressed as mime artists hold placards near the Eiffel Tower in Paris. A French court ruled Tuesday that doctors can turn off life support for Vincent Lambert, 38, left comatose by a car accident six years ago. MICHEL EULER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Punishable by death

LGBT rights need protection: U.S.

With anti-gay laws taking root in nearly 80 countries, White House National Security Adviser Susan Rice said Tuesday that protecting gays from global discrimination, abuse and even death is the most challenging international human rights issue facing the United States.

Seven countries have laws imposing death sentences for gay sex.

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Backs gay marriage

Defrocked pastor back in pulpit

A Pennsylvania pastor who presided over his son's same-sex wedding can return to the pulpit after a United Methodist Church appeals panel on Tuesday overturned a decision to defrock him.

The nine-person panel said the jury that convicted Frank Schaefer of breaking church law erred when fashioning his punishment.

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Boko Haram abducts 91 people: Witnesses

Kummabza, Nigeria. Kidnappings come less than three months after 200 schoolgirls were taken in mass abduction

Women attend a prayer meeting, calling on the government to rescue the kidnapped girls of the government-run secondary school in Chibok, Nigeria. Extremists abducted 91 more people in weekend attacks on villages in Nigeria, witnesses said Tuesday. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Extremists have abducted 91 more people, including toddlers as young as three, in weekend attacks on villages in Nigeria, witnesses said Tuesday, providing fresh evidence of the military's failure to curb an Islamic uprising and the government's inability to provide security.

The kidnappings come less than three months after the mass abduction of more than 200 schoolgirls, which embarrassed Nigeria's government and military because of their slow response. Those girls are still being held captive.

The most recent victims include 60 girls and women, some of whom are married, and 31 boys, witnesses said.

A local official confirmed the abductions, but security forces denied them.

There was no way to safely and independently confirm the report from Kummabza, 150 kilometres from Maiduguri, capital of Borno state and headquarters of a military state of emergency that has failed to curtail near-daily attacks by Boko Haram fighters.

A senior councillor from the village's Damboa local government told The Associated Press that abductions had occurred but spoke on condition of anonymity. He said the reports came from elderly survivors of the attack who had walked some 25 kilometres to the relative safety of other villages.

An intelligence officer with Nigeria's Department of State Security also said there had been a mass abduction, but he said it occurred in Kummabza and three nearby villages between June 13 and 15.

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Escalating violence

No end in sight

Martha Mark, mother of abducted schoolgirl Monica. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A strategy to rescue the girls is at an impasse. Nigeria's military has said it knows where they are but fears their abductors would kill them if military action is taken.

Boko Haram has been demanding the release of detained members, but President Goodluck Jonathan has said he will not consider a swap. Jacob Zenn, who wrote a book about Boko Haram, said the longer the situation drags on, "Boko Haram is more likely to decide to use the girls for forced marriages instead of as bargaining chips."

KFC. Probe doesn't find evidence worker asked scarred child to leave

Victoria Wilcher FACEBOOK

Fried-chicken chain KFC said two different investigations have not found any evidence that an employee asked a three-year-old girl and her family members to leave because her severe facial injuries, suffered in a pit bull mauling, disturbed customers.

KFC spokesman Rick Maynard said Tuesday the company considered the matter closed after both an internal investigation by the franchise restaurant in Jackson and an independent probe. Maynard said the company would honour its commitment to donate $30,000 to help with medical bills for Victoria Wilcher.

Allegations that Victoria was asked to leave the restaurant were made earlier this month on the Facebook site Victoria's Victories, which follows her recovery from the April attack.

Jackson attorney Bill Kellum said Victoria's grandmother, Kelly Mullins, stands by her claim of what happened.

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Egypt. President won't interfere in verdicts against three journalists

Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi on Tuesday rejected calls from the United States and other Western governments that he pardon or commute the sentences of an Egyptian-Canadian journalist and two of his Al-Jazeera colleagues who were all handed heavy prison terms a day earlier in a court ruling that raised international outrage.

Legal experts said that doesn't rule out a pardon later after any appeals are exhausted. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The trial

Egyptian-Canadian Mohamed Fahmy, Australian Peter Greste and Egyptian Baher Mohamed were charged with helping the Brotherhood, which Egypt's government has declared a terrorist group. Greste and Fahmy were sentenced to seven years in prison and Mohamed to 10 years.

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Art or insensitivity?

Hudson's Bay Co.

Retailer pulls T-shirt after uproar, but the Canadian-born designer stands by his use of the quote 'Nothing Tastes As Good As Skinny Feels'

The Hudson's Bay Company removed a T-shirt from its stores Tuesday when customers cried foul on Twitter. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Hudson's Bay Co. is pulling a T-shirt from its stores after a backlash unfolded on social media tied to an eyebrow-raising message on the garment.

The T-shirt bears an infamous quote by British supermodel Kate Moss that says, "Nothing Tastes As Good As Skinny Feels."

The quote is shown inside a mockup of a nutrition label with the calorie count listed as zero.

After igniting some criticism online, Hudson's Bay tweeted from its official account that the T-shirt was being removed from stores and online immediately.

The retailer confirmed the move to pull the garment in an official statement to The Canadian Press on Tuesday.

"We always take into consideration what our customers want and need in our offerings and constantly evaluate the products we provide," a portion of the statement read.

"We truly value our relationship with our customers and take their concerns seriously and we recognize that many took offence to the item. In this particular instance, while we respect the designer's art, due to the overwhelming response and the sensitivity of the matter, we made the decision to promptly remove the T-shirts from our stores and from thebay.com."

The Canadian-born designer of the T-shirt issued his own statement on Tuesday in the wake of the controversy.

Christopher Lee Sauvé said allegations that the shirt is celebrating the severity of eating disorders "is just not the case."

Sauvé said that as an artist, he got his start mocking the fashion industry. While he said it's an industry he's long followed and admired, it's also one that "begs to be mocked."

"Fashion is created to be either celebrated, adored, or hated and deplored. Quite like the industry itself," the New York-based Sauvé said. "The particular T-shirt in question showcases an infamous quote by supermodel Kate Moss as a nutrition label. Like all of my designs, it's a glorified warning, an ode to the farcicality of the fashion industry and the obsessives that surround it.

"Most if not all of my designs showcase some type of statement pointing out the absurdity of fashion, and this one item is no exception," he added. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sorry, not sorry?

"I fully understand and comprehend the severity of an eating disorder and I do not condone celebrating such pain. My sincerest apologies to anyone that I have offended with my designs. I believe wholeheartedly in my work, however, and I can't apologize for that."

Christopher Lee Sauve, the Canadian-born designer of the T-shirt

Police surveillance

'Good guys' using hacking methods of the 'bad guys'

Law enforcement agencies across the globe are taking a page out of the cybercriminal handbook, using targets' own phones and computers to spy on them with methods traditionally associated with the world's most malicious hackers, two computer security groups said Tuesday.

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Social media. Businesses a bit socially awkward online

Canadian businesses are becoming increasingly active on mediums like LinkedIn and Twitter, but too many remain socially awkward, and it's hurting their bottom line.

"Companies are starting to engage in an authentic way with Canadians and that's leading to increased sales, increased customer service satisfaction and a sense of connectedness," said Ian Capstick, managing partner at Ottawa-based consulting firm MediaStyle.

"But, let's be honest, not all Canadian companies are quite there yet. You can still find lots of dormant Twitter accounts, websites that aren't updated, store hours on a door front, for instance, that don't match the digital store hours or the ones on Google."

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FDA warns Quebec flu vaccine plant

The FDA gave a GSK manufacturing facility a warning. GETTY IMAGES

The company that makes much of Canada's annual flu vaccine and has the country's pandemic flu vaccine contract has been issued a warning from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The letter, dated June 12, laid out a number of concerns, many related to sterility issues and microbial contamination problems at the GSK manufacturing facility in Ste. Foy, Que.

The problems were identified during an FDA inspection of the plant between March 31 and April 9.

The U.S. regulatory agency noted that since 2011 multiple batches of flu vaccine from the Quebec plant have been rejected. It warned that if the problems identified are not fixed promptly the company's licence to produce flu vaccine for the U.S. market could be suspended or revoked.

"The deficiencies described ... at the close of the inspection referenced above and this letter are an indication of your quality control unit not fulfilling its responsibility to assure the identity, strength, quality, and purity of your licensed biological drug product and intermediates," the letter stated.

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Good news!

The Global Insufferability Index (GII) is down slightly today.

For those of you not familiar with the GII, it's the measure of the amount of holier-than-thou self-righteousness in the atmosphere, and it experienced a sharp drop when we learned about the Greenpeace executive who commuted by air between Luxembourg where he lives and Amsterdam where he works, 400 kilometres one way.

As a result of his commute, Pascal Husting, the environmental organization's international program director, personally has been responsible for dumping 7.4 tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere over the last two years.

This comes from an organization that says: "In terms of damage to the climate, flying is 10 times worse than taking the train." But Husting didn't want to endure the 12-hour return trip, so he flew instead, (as would any sane person).

As you might imagine, his colleagues are gasping a bit for air. All over the planet, Greenpeace faces are red.

In his blog, the executive director of Greenpeace UK asks the question: "What kind of compromises do you make in your efforts to try to make the world a better place?"

And then, without waiting for an answer he may not like, he answers his own question: "For what it's worth, I don't think we've crossed the line here at Greenpeace."

Of course, that doesn't clear the air for all those Greenpeace volunteers who have made the hard choices and now find themselves underwriting airline travel for their trusty stewards of the environment. One guy, who has volunteered since the '80s, calls the situation "unbelievable."

So now they know what it's like for the rest of us: It ain't easy being green. If they were really honest, the rainbow warriors of Greenpeace would add up ALL of their carbon-emitting activities. And then stay home, which is probably the greenest thing they could do.

As much as there's a temptation to gloat, we have to be careful about the GII. And we don't want to discourage all those people who are trying to save the planet. We just want them to ask: Are we part of the solution…or part of the problem?

Other organizations are quietly doing their best to put environmental standards in places that don't require a circus act — in construction, waste management, transportation, the food industry, etc. They don't make headlines, but they do make it possible for 7.2 billion people to make it through another day on earth.

Global warming is one of the great challenges of the age. But it's not the only one. Insufferability is right up there.

Greenpeace, at least, will be a little more down to earth — literally. Starting next week, Greenpeace has announced, Pascal Husting will start taking the train.

MUD MAN

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A resident covered in mud and wrapped in dried banana leaves makes the rounds of houses to beg for candles prior to attending a mass to celebrate the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist in northern Philippines Tuesday. For more images of the festival, scan this photo with your Metro News app. ALL PHOTOS BULLIT MARQUEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

B-day celebration for the Baptist

In the village of Bibiclat in Nueva Ecija province, people transform themselves into taong putik (mud people) by covering themselves in mud and wearing costumes made from dried banana leaves.

This tradition represents the way John the Baptist disguised himself when he baptized Jesus Christ. The people say St. John saved the lives of residents of this village.

Another tradition, the Parada ng Lechon (Parade of Roasted Pigs), is observed in Balayan, Batangas province. Roasted pigs are dressed up and paraded through the streets.

Crowds try to douse the pigs in wigs and their bearers with water or beer to represent the baptism. The festival ends with a feast of, what else? Roasted pig.

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A day like no other

- Throughout the Philippines, giant water-fights are held during the Festival of St. John.
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A little consensual violence never hurt

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Remember a while ago when that beautiful video of strangers kissing turned out to be just another viral publicity stunt? Remember what a slap in the face that was to those of us with quaint ideas like love, happiness and human connection?

Well, Max Landis remembers. And rather than move on to the next thing like the rest of us, he took a stand by arranging a little consensual slapping among strangers to illustrate how we all felt.

And, yes. That is Haley Joel Osment. (uptomyknees/YouTube)

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Bay-ing for Transformers

Blowed-up-real-good box-office bonanza.
Critics may hate Michael Bay's schtick, but his flicks are hits

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Director Michael Bay once said he doesn't make movies for critics. The auteur behind such hits as The Rock, Armageddon, Bad Boys 1 and 2 and the Transformers movies is best known for making big, loud films that rake it in at the box office but leave critics reaching for the Advil.

Bay acknowledged the adversarial relationship in a 2005 article by Rene Rodriguez.

"They castrate me," he told Rodriguez. "They call me the devil and all that crap."

It's not hard to see why reviewers have a hard time with his films. He never met a building or car or city he didn't want to blow up in spectacular fashion, and critics often feel like they have to slather on SPF 70 to avoid getting a tan from the glare off the giant fireballs that light up screen in Bay's films.

Audiences, however, have flocked to his flicks. According to boxofficemojo.com his 10 features have grossed close to $2 billion. That's a lot of beans.

The release this weekend of Transformers: Age of Extinction promises to add to those totals. The fourth installment of the franchise stars Mark Wahlberg as a single father and struggling inventor who discovers the deactivated Autobots leader Optimus Prime.

The movie promises a whole new raft of Transformers, including bounty hunter Lockdown and the rough and tumble Dinobot Grimlock. Bay promises we'll also see an "angry Optimus Prime."

Will the critics like Age of Extinction? Who knows.

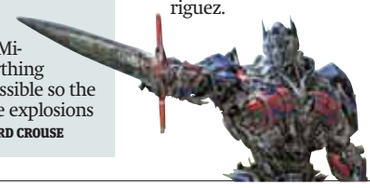
The Transformers movies are as close to guaranteed hits as Hollywood has these days, so reviews most likely won't matter to the box office.

Years ago, I wrote this about his trademarked aural and optical onslaught:

"The former commercial director has a knack for making everything look shiny, but having great taste doesn't make a great film director any more than great taste makes a Snicker's bar a gourmet meal."

I even coined a word for his style: Hullabayloo. But nothing I or any other critic writes matters to the director.

"I've actually stopped reading (reviews)," he told Rodriguez.



Nicola Peltz plays Tessa and Mark Wahlberg plays Cade Yeager in Transformers: Age of Extinction. CONTRIBUTED

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→ What does it take to reboot a franchise? Scan this photo with your Metro News app for a video of Transformers' director Michael Bay talking about breathing new life into this series of robots in disguise!

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→ See the full instructions on Metro's Voices page.

Cancel the stunt doubles

Stars feel the heat of real explosions

"We were happy to do whatever was asked of us whenever it was asked of us," says Transformers: Age of Extinction star Jack Reynor.

The actor proved he was game for anything when he was given just 20 minutes to prepare for a wild scene that brought him face-to-face with real explosions.

"It is an incredibly intimidating experience in many ways," he said, "but at the end of the day you have to trust the people around you."

Sharing the explosive scene with Reynor were his co-stars Nicola Peltz and Mark Wahlberg.

"They worked so hard to make this huge explosion," says Peltz, best known for her role as Bradley Martin on Bates Motel. "I think it took a week, but we didn't know about it. We were kind of confused when we got on set and saw 10 cameras. (Director) Michael (Bay) told us a few minutes before, 'You're going to do this huge stunt. It's not going to be stunt doubles, it's going to be you guys and you have to run from here to here in 4.6 seconds.'

"There's not much acting when there are real explosions behind you," she says. "You just have to run."

The experience of sprinting away from live blasts wasn't exactly what Peltz expected when she signed on for the role in the fourth Transformers film.

"I thought there was going to be more green screen than there actually was, but Michael wants everything to be as real as possible so the car chases and the explosions are all real." RICHARD CROUSE

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Joan Rivers takes a swipe at K. Stew in new book

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Metro World News

Kristen Stewart doesn't take kindly to the implication that she sleeps around to get roles: She's threatened to sue Joan Rivers if she sees it in print.

Rivers' new book, Diary of a Mad Diva, includes a pointed crack about the Twilight actress. "Many stars only do one thing well. The best one-trick pony is Kristen Stewart, who got a whole career by being able to juggle a director's b—s," Rivers wrote. All the world knows that Stewart did cheat on then-boyfriend Robert Pattinson with director Rupert Sanders, but it would be a stretch to say that doing so gave her a career — Sanders directed her in Snow White and the Huntsman, not, you know, one of those little vampire movies she did.

Plus, Stewart's had a thriving career since she was a teen, which makes the allegation even more unsavoury.

Stewart dispatched a lawyer to make these points to Rivers' people, according to Page Six. It sounds unlikely that Rivers will apologize or revise, however. The book's prologue reads: "Anyone who takes anything in this book seriously is an idiot."

Which is probably the closest Joan Rivers gets to issuing an apology.

Miley Cyrus' younger sister has an unusual summer job

Noah Cyrus ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Miley Cyrus has a job for her 14-year-old sister, Noah Cyrus, that some critics might find a tad inappropriate for the young teen.

Miley tells Australia's 2Day FM radio station that Noah works as her "p—sy police" to prevent the singer's privates from becoming exposed during her vigorous dance routines in skimpy costumes. "She makes sure that, you know, everything is staying intact," Miley explains. As summer jobs go, it at least beats having a paper route. "She's a natural entertainer. When I'm with her I'll feel like sometimes, 'Oh my God, she's totally stealing my shine,'" Miley says of the possibility of her younger sister following her into show business. "She gets more attention than me. And she's kind of like a natural at it, so I feel like if she wanted to do it, I wouldn't stop her."

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The Giant's Causeway is Northern Ireland's only UNESCO World Heritage Site. PHOTOS: ANDREW DOBSON/METRO

Northern Ireland's famed Causeway Coastal Route is rated as one of the world's great road journeys. This past May it was in the international spotlight as the scenic backdrop to the Giro d'Italia's Big Start cycle race, which was watched by over 775 million people around the world. The 200 kilometres of coastline offers twists and turns that reveal windswept cliffs, ancient cathedrals, crumbling castles and tiny villages.

Titanic Belfast

Perhaps the most famous vessel ever launched, RMS Titanic was built in Belfast's Harland & Wolff shipyard for White Star Line. When her keel was laid in 1909, Belfast was at the height of its fame as a shipbuilding powerhouse. Today Belfast's star attraction is Titanic Belfast, a museum which sits where the original ship was constructed.

Giant's Causeway

The vast expanse of closely packed, hexagonal stone columns dipping gently beneath the waves looks like the handiwork of giants. This spectacular rock formation is Northern Ireland's only UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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What World Pride means for tourism

A giant balloon at last year's Pride Toronto festival advertises World Pride, which is being held in the city this year through June 29. CONTRIBUTED

Beyond the rainbow.
Hotels and restaurants have gone far past just flying a flag for their gay and lesbian patrons

ON THE MOVE
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World Pride 2014 has painted Toronto in rainbow colours this week. I asked Darrell Schuurman, co-founder of Travel Gay Canada, about the importance of gay and lesbian tourism.

Is it significant that Toronto is hosting World Pride 2014?
Pride is a celebration of LGBT individuals, recognizing everything we have gone through to get where we are. Having this global celebration come to Canada for its North American debut raises our profile and shows the world how inviting and open this country is to LGBT travellers. It's also important to note that despite all of our progress, such as the legalization of same-sex marriage, there is still work that needs to be done. The World Pride celebration will include a human rights conference that is going to showcase the need to continue the dialogue on international gay rights and human rights around the world.

What about the economic benefit?
World Pride will be one of the biggest festivals in Toronto this year. Research shows that the Canadian LGBT market in general is worth $8.5 billion; 56 per cent of that money is spent on travel within Canada. Gay and lesbian travellers have the interest in and ability to travel. The key for businesses is to remember it's not just about flying a rainbow flag. Do your homework first and gain an understanding of this market's needs and expectations.

What are some of those expectations?
You need to make a commitment to the community. Businesses need to get involved on a local level and support gay and lesbian causes and organizations. Hotels need to show that their staff has undergone diversity and sensitivity training; the concierge, for example, should be able to tell a gay traveller where there are gay restaurants and bars and what LGBT events are going on in the destination. In many ways the needs of an LGBT traveller mirror those of a mainstream traveller. They want to enjoy all of the same attractions and activities and feel safe doing it.

How would you know if a hotel has put their staff through training?
Look on their websites for endorsements or affiliations from organizations like Travel Gay Canada or the International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association. To be part of those organizations, hotels have to meet criteria on ethical business practices and have front-line staff participate in diversity and sensitivity training.

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Chicken shares the grill with veg

Barbecue Chicken Salad. This outdoor dinner is perfect for those nights when you want to pass on those pesky carbs

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This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

Get your grill on and create a delicious dinner salad using chicken and vegetables.

With a smokey taste, grilling not only adds great flavour, but also texture to your vegetables.

I like marinating the chicken in the morning so that when I get home I can put everything on the grill for a weeknight meal that is fast and flavourful.

Not to worry if you can't wake up early; you can marinate it the night before.

If you have a chance to slice up your vegetables the night before, too, you'll save time.

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) sodium-reduced soy sauce
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped cilantro
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) minced fresh ginger
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) Asian garlic chili paste or hot pepper flakes
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 600 g total)
- 2 each red and yellow bell peppers
- 8 cups (2 l) spring greens
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) rice vinegar

Not having the right ingredients can make dinner difficult. But for this recipe, it's easy enough to pick up what you need fresh on your way home while some pantry staples are used to complete the dish.

1. In large bowl, whisk together the soy sauce, cilantro, half of the canola oil, ginger, garlic and chili paste. Add chicken breasts and toss to coat well. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to 1 day.

2. Meanwhile, cut peppers into quarters. Place on greased grill over medium-high heat. Grill for about 10 minutes turning often or until starting to become golden and tender crisp. Remove to plate.

3. Place chicken breasts on medium-high greased grill and grill for about 12 minutes, turning once or until no longer pink inside. Remove to plate.

4. Chop grilled peppers into bite-size pieces. In large bowl, toss peppers with spring greens, remaining oil and vinegar. Slice chicken and serve on top of salad.

Cooking tips

- Grill the chicken and peppers and keep refrigerated for up to 2 days to make the salad later in the week.
- Roasting Option: You can roast the peppers and chicken. Place vegetables on parchment paper lined baking sheet and roast in 425F (220 C) oven for about 10 minutes. Add chicken breasts and roast for another 20 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink inside and peppers are tender.

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What good is a resumé if your skills don't relate back to relevant experience? ISTOCK

Are you passionate about selling and looking to get into a sales career?

Perhaps you've never worked directly in sales before, but now that's the path you are determined to follow.

Well, whether you've worked in sales or not, you will likely have transferable skills from past work experiences that can help you transition well into a sales role.

To put your best foot forward, it is critical that your resumé highlight your key achievements as they pertain to your sales career.

Keep in mind that a career in sales is for very competitive, ambitious and driven individuals.

For this reason, it is of the utmost importance that you highlight your specific performance based accomplishments.

Here are important things to consider including in your resumé:

The right details

For each company you've worked at, provide a brief description of what that company does/sells and an understanding of their size (i.e. personnel, number of offices and annual revenues).

For each role on your resumé, you should include who you reported to, what you did and your target market.

Success in the specific

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Key metrics

- Total number of accounts opened annually
- Renewal rates
- Quota and your performance against the quota in all roles
- Vertical industries called on (i.e. public sector, financial, health care)
- Type of accounts called on (i.e. small or medium business, Fortune 100)
- Products or solutions sold
- Territory (geographic, major accounts, channel partners)

Accomplishments

Outline your accomplishments at the top of your resumé in your summary of qualifications, or highlight your accomplishments separately for each of the jobs or projects listed on your resumé, for example:

- Closed largest order for the month
- Opened most new accounts annually/monthly
- Scholarships or awards
- Other

Relevant training and education

Apart from your grades, employers are interested in looking at what courses you took that are relevant to the sales role — such as a course in sales management, relationship selling, business consulting or marketing with a sales focus.

You might even want to try listing some projects that you completed in these sales-related courses with a brief description of what the project was about and your results.

Compensation structure

Most employers will be quick to ask about your compensation structure.

When applying for a sales role, be sure to point out on your resumé if you have worked commission-oriented jobs before. Heavily commission-oriented roles will stand out as relevant experience.

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A perfect pitch is music to their ears

Say what you need to say. Deliver an exceptional elevator pitch with these tips

JUSTIN MATHEWS
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Whether you're on the market or in marketing, the elevator pitch should be at the top of your to-do list if you're someone looking to sell a product or an idea.

In today's world, that's all of us — especially if you're a young and hungry student or grad ready to hatch a career.

It's a speech that lasts anywhere from 30 seconds to one minute — roughly the length of an elevator ride — during which you sell, pitch or otherwise market your idea or product.

For job-seekers everywhere, that product or idea is you.

Your elevator pitch is your summary of who you are, what you do, and what makes you the perfect candidate. In other words, your elevator pitch is your story made "brutally simple."

Sounds easy, right? But reducing years of your experience and accomplishments into a slickly crafted 30-second punch can feel as challenging as attempting to fit a hippo into a bumper car.

Creating and delivering an elevator pitch takes some careful thought and consideration, so here are a few tips on making your elevator pitch a knockout:

Audience of many

- **Your elevator pitch is accessible if you can deliver it to a friend, an instructor, a family member and a prospective employer — without making any changes.**

Write it out

Like any good script, your pitch is that much better if written out beforehand. By writing it out, you are able to see how your pitch flows, and where it needs work — just like any other piece of writing you would work on.

Start with your resumé, which lists your professional experience and can help you get the ball rolling.

What are the major skills and experiences you want to draw attention to? You won't have time to cover everything. Remember: Your elevator pitch shouldn't last more than a full minute.

In terms of a word count, you're probably looking in the area of 120 to 150 words that make up your pitch. If your resumé is a full page long, you're looking at closer to 350 to 450 words. So break it down.

No jargon, please

In addition to precision and clarity, elevator pitches need to be accessible. That means cutting out jargon.

Here's an example of how jargon can obscure your meaning: "I contributed to audience outreach by leveraging integrated social media messaging and aligning our strategy with attention to platform-specific standards and positioning."

These are all specialized terms that may mean nothing to a potential employer. Jargon can confuse your audience, or cause them to disengage altogether. This is clearer:

"I encouraged audience engagement by building a presence on different social media platforms, making sure our strategy used each platform for unique purposes."

Write a couple of versions

In addition to being accessible, your elevator pitch needs to be versatile: easy to deliver under different circumstances without a hitch.

Instead of trying to come up with a one-size-fits-all solution, understand how you'll present yourself in different scenarios where an elevator pitch might come in handy. Pitching yourself at a networking event requires a different attitude than you might use in a job interview, for example.

Indeed, it isn't uncommon for the best job-seekers, salespeople and marketers to have several versions of their elevator pitch in their back pocket.

A good elevator pitch isn't just easy for you to deliver — it's also irresistible to the person listening.

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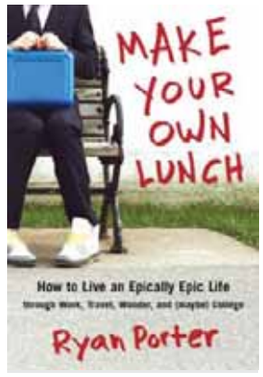
Cut that out: Success is about making decisions

Food for thought. Author Ryan Porter believes he has the recipe for making young people's dreams come true



In his new edibly themed book Make Your Own Lunch, author and inspiration speaker Ryan Porter aims to empower and guide young people as they search for their answer to the age-old question: "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

In this excerpt he explains why the key to achieving any dream is making a decision:

"So not only am I an incredible battle rapper and karaoke singer. I also know a bunch of pointless information.

Like this: Did you know the word decide comes from the Latin word *decidere*? And did you know that *decidere* literally means "to cut off"? No? I don't blame you. But it does. Really. Look it up in the dictionary ...

When you truly make a decision, you cut off every other option until you have achieved whatever it is that you decided to do. If there is something you want to have, then decide to have it. If there is something you want to do, then decide to do it. If there is somewhere you want to go, then decide to go there. And if there is something you want to be, then decide to be it.

Is that four-hour Xbox marathon bringing you closer? Nope? Cut it (not literally — electrocution is no joke). Another episode of Teen Mom? Really? Is that really bringing you toward the things you want? No? Cut it.

The difference between rich and poor, excitement and boredom, and success and failure is decision. I can't type it enough times: Decision is the only way anyone has accomplished anything, ever. So instead of sitting there waiting for luck, destiny, or fate to deliver a gift basket to your front door, filled with money, Cherry Coke, cheese wheels, your dream job, and a private jet, decide to get it yourself.

You have the most incredible superpower (other than Wolverine's retracting adamantium claws, of course) to do whatever you want. That superpower is decision."

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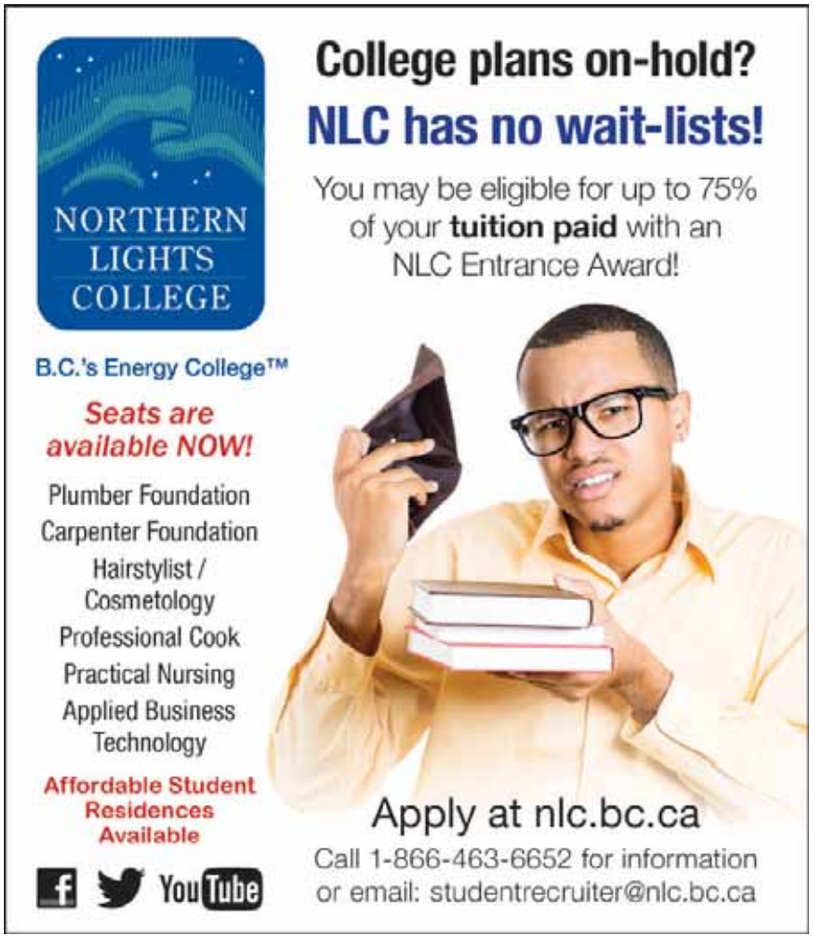

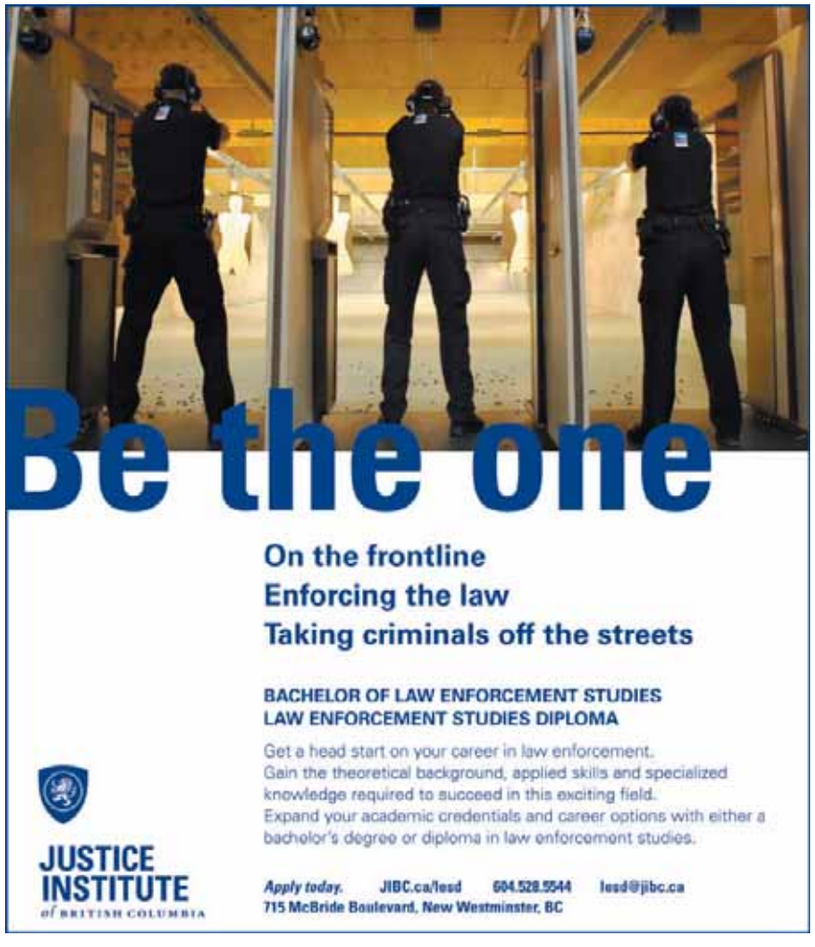
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LPGA to tee up at Vancouver Golf Club in 2015

The LPGA Tour is returning to the Vancouver Golf Club, for the 2015 Canadian Pacific Women's Open.

Golf Canada made an official announcement on its website Tuesday morning.

The event, which will take place Aug. 20-23, also comes with a purse of $2.25 million US.

Lydia Ko, at the age of just 15, won at VCG two years ago.

"Our Club truly enjoyed hosting the 2012 Canadian Women's Open, and we are thrilled to once again showcase our club and our classic golf course to the LPGA players and Canadian golf fans," said Paul Batchelor of the Vancouver Golf Club in a statement. METRO

Presser scheduled

Rugby Canada making a bid for international event in Vancouver

Rugby Canada is making a bid to host an international event in Vancouver in 2016, with a news conference scheduled for Wednesday morning.

The international event is a qualification competition for the 2016 Summer Olympics in Brazil. Rugby made it back into the Olympic programme for 2016 — a decision the IOC made back in 2009.

Rugby at the Olympics is the rugby sevens variety, which means only seven players line up on the field for each team. METRO

Whitecaps back at it against Impact

MLS. Local side looks to extend unbeaten streak to eight, after lengthy break

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The Vancouver Whitecaps — you remember them, right?

Out of action since June 7 because of the World Cup break, the Whitecaps, with a streak of seven straight games without a loss, are back. They host the Montreal Impact at BC Place Stadium on Wednesday.

The Whitecaps are fifth in the Western Conference, one point back of Colorado and Dallas, and four back of second-place Real Salt Lake. Vancouver has games in hand on all three of those clubs.

Scoring hasn't been a problem, and Erik Hurtado has been a pleasant surprise since getting his shot in the lineup with the injury to Darren Mattocks.

Hurtado — or "EMoney," now with an E and dollar sign shaved into the right side of his head — has been on the money, scoring five times in his last five games, including one in the Amway Canadian Championship semifinal.

The Whitecaps have seven goals in the two games prior to the break and nine goals in their last three games.

It's defending that has become something of an issue.

In the last three games, the Whitecaps have conceded eight goals, squandering a two-goal lead in Philadelphia before the break started.

Captain and centre back Jay DeMerit could be out a minimum of six weeks with a torn tendon in his left ankle.

That means the other veteran on the back line, Andy O'Brien, could be paired against the Impact with left-footed centre back Johnny Leveron.

"I suppose with any statistic you could read into them what you want because I can say, too, we're unbeaten in seven," said O'Brien. "We need to put things in perspective. I think all around, I'm a firm believer I'd rather have the points rather than games in hand. We're fortunate we've got both."

The Whitecaps had a full week off before they returned to the training pitch last week, even hosting an intrasquad game. Though it's safe to assume not everyone will be in top form for Wednesday.

"Everybody's up for it. It's an exciting time," said left back Jordan Harvey.

With Erik Hurtado as the catalyst, the Whitecaps have scored nine goals in their last three games. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Shocking'

Caps weigh in on bite

Luis Suarez of Uruguay, who is one of the most recognizable players in the world — not necessarily for the right reasons — allegedly bit an Italian opponent during Tuesday's World Cup game, causing an eruption on social media.

Members of the Whitecaps also weighed in on the incident, with Jordan Harvey calling it "shocking" and agreeing there was no place for that in soccer.

"It's a shame that he's continued to do this because he is without a doubt one of the best players in the world," added Andy O'Brien.

Giorgio Chiellini of Italy shows apparent bite marks on his shoulder as Uruguay's Gaston Ramirez looks on in Natal, Brazil, on Tuesday. Scan the image with the Metro News app for additional photos from Tuesday's matches. JULIAN FINNEY/GETTY IMAGES

Uruguay clamps down on Italy

Underscoring a power shift away from Europe, Uruguay fought — and apparently even bit — its way to a 1-0 victory over Italy Tuesday to move to the World Cup's next round with Costa Rica, which sent England home without a single victory after a goalless draw.

South America's strength was further highlighted when Colombia capped its perfect record in Group C with a 4-1 win over Japan. Europe did get one team through when Greece converted an injury-time penalty for a 2-1 victory over Ivory Coast, eliminating the African team.

Quoted

"We are so disappointed not to finish with a victory, but I don't think I have asked for a much better performance."

England coach Roy Hodgson

The evening excitement could hardly match yet another controversy to haunt Uruguay striker Luis Suarez. Around 80 minutes in, Suarez and Giorgio Chiellini tangled, with replays showing Suarez seemingly biting the shoulder of the Italian defender. It would make Suarez, amazingly, a triple carnivorous offender on the pitch in four years.

"It was absolutely clear. There's even a mark," Chiellini said.

The referee didn't see a bite, and no foul was called. Uruguay coach Oscar Tabarez only had eyes on the result. "For me, and for all the people in Uruguay, we had more important things," he said.

About a minute later, the decisive goal was scored on a powerful header from captain Diego Godin.

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2014 Hyundai Tucson

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel-drive compact SUV
- **Engines (hp).** 2.4-litre four-cylinder with direct gasoline injection (182)
- **Transmission.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price.** $33,599 (plus destination fee)

Market position

The Tucson offers a variety of choices, including two engines, front- or all-wheel drive, and even a manual transmission on its base trim level, along with numerous premium features on the top-line model.

Points

- New for 2014, both engines feature direct gasoline injection, formerly found on more expensive cars. This lets engineers tweak the engines for more power and better fuel economy.
- The GLS and Limited trims come with a panoramic sunroof, which adds to the cabin's roomy feel.
- The shock absorbers automatically adjust to road conditions for a smoother, more stable ride and confident cornering.

The Tucson's pointed rear side windows cut down on visibility.
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Safety

Front, side, and curtain airbags; stability control; anti-lock brakes with brake force distribution and assist; active front head restraints

If a car and an SUV had a love child

Review. The Hyundai Tucson Limited offers all-wheel drive, tons of legroom and driver-selectable steering

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The compact SUV segment is one of the most popular in Canada, and it's easy to see why. These are vehicles that combine car-like driving characteristics with SUV-style practicality, and in many cases, all-wheel drive capability. Hyundai bundles all of that together in its Tucson.

Three trim lines are available, starting at $21,499 for the GL, with a 164-horsepower, 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine and front-wheel drive. Next up is the mid-range GLS, which uses a 2.4-litre four-cylinder making 182 horsepower. My tester, the top-line Limited, exclusively combines the 2.4-litre with all-wheel drive.

It's priced at $33,599 and includes such Limited-only features as dual-zone automatic climate control, premium stereo, navigation, and leather seats.

Its AWD isn't meant for off-roading, but for improved traction. The all-wheel Tucson primarily runs in front-wheel, but sends power to the rear tires when it senses slippage. For muddy or snowy driveways, you can lock it into four-wheel at low speeds.

Also included on the Limited is driver-selectable steering, which lets you adjust the steering feel to normal, comfort, or sport. I find it more of a gimmick than anything, and all but the sport are too light and vague for my liking.

The Tucson's handsome, especially with its new headlamps and, on the Limited, its LED taillights. However, while the side windows come to a stylish point at the rear, they do cut down on visibility.

The seats are supportive, and while all Tucson models have heated front chairs, the GLS and Limited have heated rear ones, too. Rear legroom is good, and while the rear seats don't fold completely flat, they're easy to operate when you need to increase the cargo area.

Overall, the Tucson rides and handles well, it's roomy inside, and it comes with a long warranty. I found the Limited a little pricey and would probably opt for the mid-range GLS, but check out the features and test-drive both of them if a compact SUV is in your future.

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1 Subaru Forester 2.5 Limited
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2 Ford Escape Titanium 4WD
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This scraggy shrub is a rubber resource

Guayule. A consortium is looking into this desert plant as an alternative to the rubber tree as demand for natural rubber grows

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If this scraggy shrub was growing on your property, chances are you'd be looking to eradicate it with a big weed whacker.

Not only is it not pretty, but it's got a name that gives your mouth a cardiovascular and flexibility workout: *guayule*, pronounced "gwah-yoo-lee."

But this shrub, which grows wild in the desert, produces rubber.

The world's demand for natural rubber is increasing, and many are concerned that the rubber tree (a.k.a. the Hevea tree) won't be able to keep up. It's only grown in a relatively thin strip around the equator in jungle-like locations that are not fun for workers, and where landowners have more lucrative crop options (some legal, some not so much). On top of that, it takes seven years before you can harvest rubber from a rubber tree.

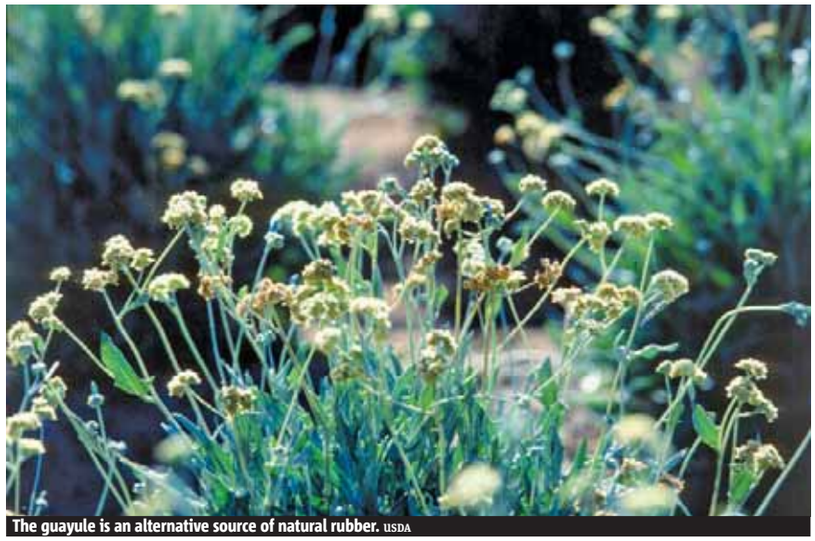
So a consortium — led by Cooper Tires and which includes Arizona State University — has a $6.9-million grant from the U.S. government to look into the possibility of large-scale growth and production of guayule-based natural rubber.

Arizona State is looking at the entire social and environmental impact of turning desert into guayule farmland.

We could just use more synthetic rubber, sourced from petrochemicals, but that's not ideal, and natural rubber is a very unique product.

Even with all their laboratories and white coats, tire scientists still prefer to use natural rubber in tires.

"Natural rubber is the closest thing to the perfect elastomer. If I could only use one elastromer in a tire, I would chose natural rubber," says Cooper Tire research scientist Howard Colvin, from the company's headquarters in Findlay, Ohio.



The guayule is an alternative source of natural rubber. USDA

Colvin says natural rubber has lots of beneficial properties, but among the most prized is its ability to self-heal.

"When you get a small crack in the rubber compound, the crack stops immediately. In synthetics that is not the case. This is especially important in a sidewall, where you have a lot of flexing going on."

Natural rubber stays "cooler" than synthetic rubbers.

According to Colvin, the rubber fibres sourced from guayule are remarkably similar to fibres sourced from Hevea, except that guayule, "smells a lot better ... fresher ... a bit like Pine Sol."

Guayule can be harvested every 18 months, and harvesting nets useful byproducts, such as resins and biomass that can be processed into fuel.

Many tire makers, including Cooper, are also looking into Russian dandelion-sourced rubber; its main byproduct is sugars.

Colvin's colleague, Chuck Yurkovich, Cooper's vice-president of global technology, personally feels that guayule is closer to being a realist rubber resource than Russian dandelion. How close?

"We're at the point where we are building and testing tires. But a lot also depends on the success of the agronomic part of the equation. Then there would be manufacturing capabilities to be built up. But theoretically you could have a product on the market that uses some guayule rubber in five to 10 years. A lot depends on what happens in the next 12 to 18 months."

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Sometimes it is best to leave things to fate and as you are under divine protection at the moment nothing and no one can hurt you. Not that anyone in their right mind would want to try it anyway.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
It annoys you when others drag their feet but there is no point losing your temper if a loved one takes too much time to do something today. Do whatever it takes to hold in that scream.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may be tempted to take what you want today, simply because you know that you can, but maybe you should look a little further ahead and think how it may affect a relationship.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
There may be times over the next 24 hours when it feels as if you are the only one who does not know what is going on, but is that such a bad thing? Being out of the loop could actually work in your favour today.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Let others know what you intend to do and invite them to join in if they have something to offer. This is a great day for strengthening bonds that may have come a bit loose of late.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
There is nothing wrong with having power but if you've got it you must make sure you use it in the right way. Bear that thought in mind today. Don't use power to take what you are not really entitled to.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Mars in your sign makes you believe you can do anything you choose but other aspects warn if you act without thinking today you could end up a loser. Stay on the good side of people in positions of power.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Someone will pull rank on you today but don't get uptight about it because there is nothing you can do to change things. Keep your thoughts and feelings to yourself.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may have to twist a few arms to get what you want today but it won't be too difficult, in fact you will enjoy playing the tough guy.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The planets warn if you don't make a decision soon about a career matter it will be taken out of your hands. Don't get too hung up on available choices. Whatever you go for will work out well for you.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Someone you meet on your travels will become very important to you in the weeks and months to come. You will be on exactly the same wavelength mentally and emotionally — and there is the chance romance could blossom.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Sometimes it is better to back off from a fight and with Mars opposing Uranus today this is one of them. Let others argue. Your talents are better suited to loving. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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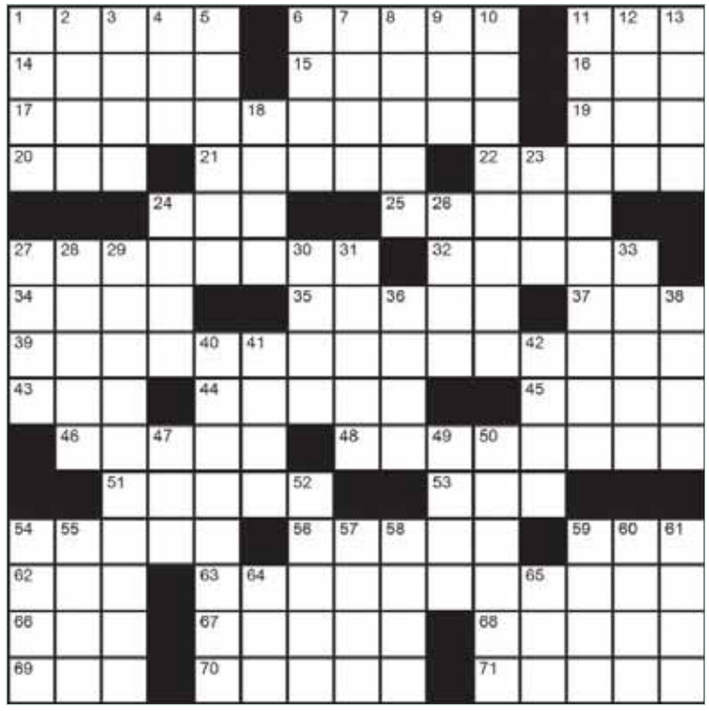
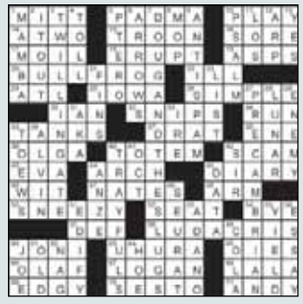


Across
1. Montreal-born filmmaker, Claude __
6. Stitched
11. Li'l Alberta city
14. "Secret __ Man" by Johnny Rivers
15. Southwestern Ontario gorge village
16. Canadian choo-choo company
17. Annual music festival at Worthy Farm now underway in England
19. Have breakfast
20. Mr. Emmett, Triumph member
21. Computer chip company
22. De-shines
24. Miami, __.
25. Bowler hat
27. Drumheller's terrain in Alberta
32. Human __
34. Mr. Morales
35. Catherine of "SCTV"
37. She'd opposite
39. Elizabeth Grant = Canadian __ __ __
43. Writer Mr. Lawrence, et al.
44. Trail trekker
45. "ET Canada" Entertainment Reporter Ms. Cebula
46. Truck company headquartered in Mississauga, ON
48. Bit of "The Beverly Hillbillies" theme: "Oil that is, black gold, __ __."
51. Show ticket, informally
53. Leandro's beloved
54. Grand __ Railway
56. Weaponize again
59. BC's ocean
62. __ flooring
63. He whose works are featuredeth at the Stratford Festival in Ontario
66. Li'l four-stringer
67. "How can _ __ repay you?" (Thank you)
68. Like greenery-covered houses
69. CV
70. Dependent
71.Verbs subject

Down
1. Hockey player, Jaromir __
2. Certain citrus
3. Furniture wood
4. Medical pros
5. __ the Hun
6. E-Mailed
7. River for Hamburg
8. "That __ explain it!" (Makes sense!)
9. Flub up
10. "__ Believer" by The Monkees
11. Toronto-born ballerina who was The Royal Winnipeg Ballet's principal dancer: 2 wds.
12. Radio tuner
13. At-the-door rugs
18. __ even keel: 2 wds.
23. Caesar's 'where'
24. __ Flon, MB
26. River of Spain
27. Greatest
28. Questioner
29. Shorts styles: 2 wds.
30. Geek
31. Bedding linen
33. Soap star Ms. Francis
36. Land measure
38. Prefix to 'mite' (Explosive stuff)
40. Does this at the hotel upon arrival: 2 wds.
41. __ _ grievance
42. Money in Mexico
47. Horse coat hue
49. Gen-__ (Woodstock 94 attendees)
50. Deodorant-applying zone
52. Crossbeam
54. __ of duty
55. Tiller's tool
57. Laboriously got by
58. Lofty nest, variantly
59. Anguish
60. Ancient war god
61. Grant
64. Donkey's bray half
65. "All About __" (1950)

Yesterday's Crossword



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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8					9		2	
1			2		6	4		
	1			9		5		8
3		7		8			1	
		4	9		2			3
	8		5					7
	2					1	6	

Yesterday's Sudoku

7	2	1	5	9	8	3	4	6
3	8	4	6	7	2	9	1	5
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